

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend Figure 3 to remove the erroneously placed reference numeral 255 from the right side of the drawing. No new matter has been added. A replacement drawing sheet is provided herewith.

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Applicant notes that the drawings filed on 22 December 2003 included a typographical error, where in the identifying indicia, the docket number of this application was identified as 132813 (GEN-0395). The correct docket number should read 132812 (GEN-0395).

Applicant also notes that the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on 22 December 2003 included the same typographical error, which also identified the docket number of this application as 132813 (GEN-0395). As before, the correct docket number should read 132812 (GEN-0395).

Notwithstanding the Examiner's proper association of both the drawings and the IDS with the instant application, Applicant makes the foregoing remarks in an effort to clarify the record. If further action is required, Applicant respectfully requests notice thereof.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3 and 10-16 stand rejected. Claims 4-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's comments regarding the allowability of the noted claims. Applicant has amended Claims 1, 4 and 11, and has added new Claim 17, leaving Claims 1-17 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) have been traversed, that no new matter has been entered, and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Status of Drawings

The drawings filed on 22 December 2003 are objected to for reasons relating to an erroneously placed reference numeral in Figure 3.

Applicant has amended Figure 3 to remove the erroneously placed reference numeral 255.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Status of Specification

The specification is objected to because of informalities relating to a typographical error on page 3, line 26.

Applicant has amended the specification at page 3, line 26 to correct for the typographical error.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-3 and 10-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shrader (U.S. Patent No. 4,025,825, hereinafter Shrader).

Applicant traverses these rejections for the following reasons.

Applicant respectfully submits that the obviousness rejection based on the References is improper as the References fail to teach or suggest each and every element of the instant invention. For an obviousness rejection to be proper, the Examiner must meet the burden of establishing a *prima facie* case of obviousness. *In re Fine*, 5 U.S.P.Q.2d 1596, 1598 (Fed. Cir. 1988). The Examiner must meet the burden of establishing that all elements of the invention are taught or suggested in the prior art. MPEP §2143.03.

The Examiner remarks that Claims 4-9 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and

that the prior art *does not show the first and third openings being receptive of the jumper power wire in combination with other claimed elements.* Paper 20050223, page 6 (emphasis added).

Applicant has amended independent Claims 1 and 11 to now include elements of Claim 4 but in alternative language.

Applicant has amended Claim 4 for proper claim differentiation.

Dependent claims inherit all of the limitations of the respective parent claim.

In comparing Shrader with the instant invention, Applicant submits that Shrader *does not teach the first and third openings being receptive of a jumper power conductor in combination with other claimed elements.*

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that Shrader fails to teach or suggest each and every element of the claimed invention and discloses a substantially different invention from the claimed invention, and therefore cannot properly be used to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), which Applicant considers to be traversed.

Regarding New Claim 17

Applicant has added new Claim 17, which is directed to a service entrance similar to that of Claim 1, but in alternative language.

In view of the previous discussion relating to Claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that Shrader does not teach or suggest the claimed invention, and does not motivate one to arrive at the claimed invention.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that new Claim 17 is directed to allowable subject and respectfully requests entry and notice of allowance thereof.

In light of the forgoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) have been traversed, and respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw these rejections.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

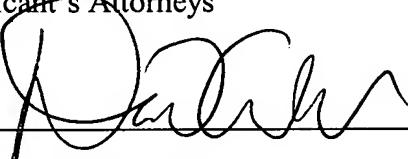
In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time that is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above identified Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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